

**WTVB**  
**SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT**  
**OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**  
**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

ISSUE: HUNTING

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 7/1/06– 5:00– 5:30 P.M.

SGT. JERRY ROBERTS AND SGT. JOHN MCFERRIN OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE FISHERIES AND PARKS TALKED ABOUT UPCOMING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON IN THE FALL AND ALLIGATOR SEASON ALSO IN THE FALL. THEY EXPLAINED THAT ALLIGATOR HUNTING IS VERY REGULATED, AND WILL BE MORE PERVELANT IN THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE STATE. THEY SAY THAT THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALLIGATOR AND CROCHODILES. CROCODILES ARE VERY AGGRESSIVE. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT BOATING SAFETY.

ISSUE: SMOKING

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 7/8/06– 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

BARRY WALKER AND TANYA GENTRY OF CITIZENS FOR A SMOKE FREE TUPELO TALKED ABOUT A PROPOSED SMOKING ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD PREVENT SMOKING WITHIN 25 FEET OF A PUBLIC BUILDING. THEY TALKED ABOUT GROUP THAT OPPOSES THE ORDINANCE AND THOSE THAT SUPPORT IT. THEY SAY IT WOULD HAVE A MASSIVE IMPACT ON THE OVERALL HEALTH ISSUES IN MISSISSIPPI. THE ORDINANCE DID GO BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL AND WAS PASSED AND IS NOW IN EFFECT.

ISSUE: CHILDREN'S HEALTH

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 7/15/06 – 5:00 -- 5:30 P.M.

JANE BOYKIN OF KIDS COUNT SAID THE LATEST STUDY SHOWS THE WELL BEING OF CHILDREN IN MISSISSIPPI RANKS LAST IN THE U.S. SHE SAYS THE REAL PROBLEM IS CHILDREN ARE IN MORE THAN ONE CHILD CARE EVVIRONMENT, AND THAT STRESS RESULTS FROM THAT TYPE OF ENVIROMENT IS WHAT LEADS TO PROBLEMS AS THE CHILD GOES THROUGH SCHOOL IT'S NOT ABOUT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, IT'S ABOUT EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE. SHE WANTS TO SEE MORE SUBSTIDY

FUNDIING FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO WORK MORE HOURS AND BE  
OPEN TO ACCOMMODATE SHIFT WORKERS.

ISSUE: MILITARY PRESENCE

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 7/22/06 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

COL. DAVID GERBER WAS TODAY'S GUEST. HE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AS THE NEW COMMANDER OF COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE. HE JOINED THE BASE IN JUNE FROM MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE IN ALABAMA. THE COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE GENERATES MORE THAN 230 MILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ANNUALLY. THERE ARE MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE ON THE BASE, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN. IT IS THE BUSIEST WING TRAINING BASE IN THE COUNTRY.

ISSUE: ONLINE PREDATORS

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 8/5/06 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF JIM JOHNSON WAS TODAY' GUEST. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECENTLY HAD AN INVESTIGATION INTO ONLINE CHILD PREDATORS. SIX PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED. A DEPUTY POSED AS A YOUTH ONLINE. WHEN SOME OF THOSE WHO COMMUNICATED WITH THE DEPUTY DROVE TO MEET THE ALLEGED PERSON, THEY WERE ARRESTED. ONE PERSON HAS PLEADED GUILTY AND THE OTHERS COULD BE CHARGED UP TO A FELONY. SENTENCING WOULD VARY.

ISSUE: HIGHER EDUCATION

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 8/12/06 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY NEW PRESIDENT DR. ROBERT FOGLESONG WANTS TO HAVE A 10-YEAR GOAL. HE HAS A COMMITTEE TO MAKE PROPOSALS FOR THAT 10-YEAR PLAN. HE BELIEVES THE UNIVERSITY AS A LAND GRANT INSTITUTION HAS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STATE AND COMMUNITY. HE BELIEVES THE SCHOOL DOES HAVE A ROLE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON TWO NEW PROGRAMS; A VETERAN'S CENTER AND SOME FINANCILA ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TUTITION.



ISSUE: HANDICAPPED

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 8/26/06 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

B.J. LEJEUNE AND MICHAEL SULLIVAN OF THE MSU BLINDNESS RESEARCH TRAINING CENTER WERE GUESTS. THEY TALKED ABOUT IDENTIFYING BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS BEING DIFFICULT. THEY EXPECT THERE IS 1700-2000 IN MISSISSIPPI THAT IS IN THAT CATEGORY, BUT SO FAR ONLY LESS THAN 300 ARE ACCOUNTED FOR. TEACHERS HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME IDENTIFYING THESE STUDENTS. THEY SAY THAT MONEY IS ALLOCATED FOR EACH INPAIRED STUDENT.

ISSUE: CRIME

PROGRAM: FOCUS – LOCAL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS – 9/2/06 – 5:00 – 5:30 P.M.

CAPT. CLIFF HARDY, CRIMESTOPPERS COORDINATOR AND EDDIE RICHEY, CRIMESTOPPERS PAST PRESIDENT WERE GUESTS. CRIMESTOPPERS OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI HAS BEEN VERY SUCESSFUL. THEY PAY UP TO \$1000.00 FOR TIPS. IT'S A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA. SEVEN COUNTIES ARE PART OF THIS CHAPTER. BLUE STEEL COMPETITION IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHAPTER TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>. COMPETITION IS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THEY HOPE TO RAISE \$3,000.00 FOR CRIMESTOPPERS.